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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceedings to Establish Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)
Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On June 19, 2019, I filed a letter with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on behalf of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") notifying the Commission that ORS was in the process of engaging Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. to assist it in the above referenced dockets.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-20(I), the Commission is authorized to employ a third-party consultant to evaluate avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under that section. Additionally, "[t]he [Commission's third-party consultant] is subject to the same *ex parte* prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties."

In keeping with the above requirements, ORS respectfully requests that the Commission publish the names of any third-party consultant(s) that the Commission has hired so that ORS and other participating parties are on notice.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record in Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, and 2019-186-E (via E-mail)
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